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1. FANK EFFORTS TO RE-OPEN THE THREE KILOMETER-LONG COMMUNIST CUT ON ROUTE 4 EAST OF DAS KANCHOR MADE LITTLE PROGRESS YESTERDAY. TWO GOVERNMENT POSITIONS IN THE CUT ARE ENCIRCLED AND WERE UNDER HEAVY COMMUNIST MORTAR ATTACK. FANK ALSO REPORTED HEAVY COMMUNIST GROUND AND MORTAR ATTACKS YESTERDAY ALONG THE HIGHWAY WEST OF DAS KANCHOR.

2. FANK REPORTED TODAY THAT EIGHTY-FOUR COMMUNIST SOLDIERS WERE KILLED IN THE MULTI-BATTALION CLEARING OPERATION EAST OF SIEM REAP BETWEEN AUGUST 23 AND 26. GOVERNMENT CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED AS LIGHT. FANK UNITS SWEEPED TEN KILOMETERS EAST OF SIEM REAP, FIVE KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF THE CITY AND SOUTHWARD TO THE

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TONLE SAP LAKE.

3. FANK REPORTED PROGRESS IN THE MAJOR CLEARING
OPERATION IN THE BASSAC RIVER CORRIDOR SOUTHEAST OF
PHNOM PENH YESTERDAY. FANK ELEMENTS ADVANCED
EASTWARD FIVE HUNDRED METERS AGAINST LIGHT COMMUNIST
RESISTANCE ON THE NORTH BANK OF THE RIVER AND MADE
GAINS ON ANLON CHEN ISLAND AS WELL.

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